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1. RTG TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US THAT MASOOD HUSAIN (CHIEF OF ECAFE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION) HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO N. Y. URGING THAT UNDP WITHHELD SUPPORT FROM SEATAC PROJECTS. RTG MINISTRY UNDERSTANDIBLY VERY ANGRY.

2. HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM ANOTHER ECAFE OFFICIAL (THAI NATIONAL) THAT RTG AND OTHER SEATAC GOVERNMENTS WILL AT 29 TH ECAFE SESSION OPPOSE ECAFE (HUSAIN' S) PROPOSALS FOR CALLING ASIAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE AND ESTABLISHING ASIAN SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT CENTER WITHIN ECAFE.

3. COMMENT: CONSIDER CONFLICT BETWEEN ECAFE AND SEATAC HIGHLY REGRETTABLE AND INJURIOUS TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. SEATAC COULD IN EFFECT FUNCTION AS ZONAL IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION FOR ECAFE

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TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT STRUCTURALLY LINKED TO ECAFE. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SAME BASIC AIMS, WITH SEATAC HAVING ADVANTAGE OF CLOSER COHESION AND UNITY OF PURPOSE AND LESS BUREAUCRATIC BAGGAGE. COORDINATION COULD BE ACHIEVED BY ALL SEATAC GOVERNMENTS ALSO BEING REPRESENTED IN ECAFE; UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAVE NOT PULLED THEIR WEIGHT IN ECAFE FORUM AND HAVE LET INDIAN DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT DOMINATE DISCUSSIONS.

4. ROBLESS HAD INFORMED EARLIER THAT HUSAIN HAD COME TO KL TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY ECAFE WIDE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION; ROBLESS AGREED PROVIDED THERE WAS SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT. HUSAIN CONCERNED SINCE HE FEELS THAT SEATAC IS STEALING ECAFE FIRE AND SEATAC HAS NOT INVITED HIM AS CHIEF OF TRANS. DIV. TO PARTICIPATE IN SEATAC DISCUSSIONS WHICH IS NOT CASE. HUSAIN HAS BEEN FAITHFULLY SENT INVITATIONS TO ALL SEATAC MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS. RTG TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY FEARS HUSAIN COMMUNICATION MAY GIVE UNDP MISTAKENLY IDEA THAT SEATAC COUNTRIES DO NOT SUPPORT SEATAC. OFFICIAL STATED THAT RTG PLANS DISCUSS HUSAIN ACTION WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND IS CONCERNED THAT ROBLESS MAY RECEIVE NEGATIVE RECEPTION IN NY.

5. USUN MAY WISH INFORM GLOBERMAN ABOVE; ROBLESS MEETS THERE TOMORROW. FOR SA/ RD RTG OFFICIAL REQUESTS THAT ROBLESS BE INFORMED OF ABOVE.
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